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1. SOVCONSUL KRUGLOV INFORMED US TODAY HE EXPECTS TO ISSUE VISAS FOR USDEL, WITH ACCOMPANYING WIVES, MORNING OF NOVEMBER 26, BUT IN RESPONSE TO QUERY INDICATED HE HAD NOT YET RECEIVED AUTHORIZATION TO ISSUE FROM MOSCOW. IN EARLIER TELECON WITH CU/EE NOVEMBER 12 KRUGLOV INQUIRED WHETHER COLETTE SHULMAN WAS WIFE OF "SOVIETOLOGIST" MARSHALL SHULMAN. THIS INQUIRY AS WELL AS PREVIOUS RESERVATIONS BY MINED OFFICIALS ON MRS. SHULMAN'S PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS (NOAH-RICHMOND O-I OCT 3) INDICATE THAT ISSUANCE HER VISA MAY BE IN DOUBT. IN LATTER CASE WE WOULD WISH TO KNOW ABOUT THIS PRIOR NOVEMBER 26, SINCE 27TH IS HOLIDAY HERE, AND USDEL WITH FOUR SPOUSES IS SCHEDULED ARRIVE WASHINGTON NOVEMBER 28 FOR BRIEFING AT DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTURE FOR MOSCOW THAT EVENING. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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2. REQUEST EMBASSY AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL INFORM MFA OF DEPARTMENT'S INTEREST IN SUCCESS OF SEMINAR WHICH IS

FIRST US-USSR SEMINAR UNDER CULTURAL AGREEMENT SINCE SIGNATURE CSCE FINAL ACT. MRS. SHULMAN IS ACTIVE IN EDUCATIONAL WORK IN US AND PROFESSIONALLY QUALIFIED FOR THE SEMINAR. SHE ALSO REPRESENTS THE JOHNSON FOUNDATION WHICH IS CO-SPONSORING THE US DELEGATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT AND

WHICH WILL PLAY ROLE IN FUTURE US-USSR EDUCATION EXCHANGES. WE ASSUME THEREFORE THAT VISA WILL BE AUTHORIZED FOR MRS. SHULMAN. DENIAL OF VISA WOULD CAUSE USDEL TO RECONSIDER ITS PARTICIPATION IN SEMINAR FOR WHICH BOTH SIDES HAVE WORKED SO LONG TO PREPARE.

3. SINCE DELEGATION WILL NOT WISH TO TRAVEL TO MOSCOW WITHOUT MRS. SHULMAN, WE WOULD HOPE TO HAVE SOVIET DECISION BY NOVEMBER 26 AT LATEST, IN ORDER TO HEAD OFF

DELEGATION BEFORE THEY TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON NOVEMBER 28.

4. EDELMAN HAS WITHDRAWN AND WILL NOT PARTICIPATE. NO SUBSTITUTE WILL BE NOMINATED. KISSINGER

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